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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire and Cyprus:
draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, 1/

Recalling Article 105 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations 2/ and the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations 3/ and the responsibilities of the host country,

Recognizing that effective measures should continue to be taken by the competent authorities of the host country, in particular to prevent any acts violating the security of missions and the safety of their personnel,

Noting the spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding that has guided the deliberations of the Committee on issues affecting the United Nations community and the host country,

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 26 (A/50/26).

2/ Resolution 22 A (I).

3/ See resolution 169 (II).

Welcoming the increased interest shown by Member States in participating in the work of the Committee,

1. Endorses the recommendations and conclusions of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country contained in paragraph 67 of its report;

2. Considers that the maintenance of appropriate conditions for the normal work of the delegations and the missions accredited to the United Nations is in the interests of the United Nations and all Member States, and expresses the hope that the host country will continue to take all measures necessary to prevent any interference with the functioning of missions;

3. Expresses its appreciation for the efforts made by the host country, and hopes that problems raised at the meetings of the Committee will continue to be resolved in a spirit of cooperation and in accordance with international law;

4. Notes with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the problem of financial indebtedness, 4/ stresses that diplomatic indebtedness is a matter of significant concern to the United Nations and that non-payment of undisputed debts reflects badly on the entire diplomatic community and tarnishes the image of the Organization itself, reaffirms that non-compliance with contractual obligations cannot be condoned or justified, and endorses the proposals and procedures on the issue of financial indebtedness set out in annex II to the current report of the Committee;

5. Urges the host country to consider lifting travel controls with regard to certain mission and staff members of the Secretariat of certain nationalities, and in this regard notes the positions of the affected States, of the Secretary-General and of the host country;

6. Calls upon the host country to review measures and procedures relating to the parking of diplomatic vehicles, with a view to responding to the growing needs of the diplomatic community and to consult with the Committee on these issues;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to remain actively engaged in all aspects of the relations of the United Nations with the host country;

8. Requests the Committee to continue its work, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI) of 15 December 1971;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country".

4/ A/AC.154/277.